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NEWS SUMMARY

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that 13 alleged members of a heroin distribution network that operated between Chicago, Milwaukee and Ozaukee County and provided heroin resulting in 4 overdose deaths since 2001, have been charged in federal court with conspiracy to distribute heroin resulting in death and serious bodily injury.

Charged in the criminal complaint were: Timothy Milton (3-2-74), Torrence Milton (11-18-77), Terrell Milton (9-17-76), Theartis Milton (1-14-71), Lashonda Hunt (8-8-71), Marc Mosley (2-10-70), Demario Mosley (10-10-83), Roy Monette (3-13-71), Felic Claypool (5-1-79), Benjamin Stibbe (5-13-82), Teri Stibbe (11-29-56), Jonathon Selensky (11-8-86), and Eric Murphy (10-1-72).

The federal criminal complaint, unsealed today, alleges that between 2002 and the present the 13 defendants were part of a heroin distribution network led by Timothy Milton of Milwaukee. A 72 page affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint alleges that Milton obtained multiple kilograms of heroin over the course of the past several years from a source of supply in Chicago. The affidavit alleges that Milton routinely picked up 100 grams 2 to 3 times per week paying \$20,000 for each 100 grams. Milton then brought the heroin to Milwaukee where it was broken down into smaller quantities, typically \$20 bags (containing 0.2 grams of heroin) and distributed through a network of dealers on the north side of Milwaukee. The affidavit alleges that one of the dealers Milton distributed heroin to was Benjamin Stibbe of Grafton, Wisconsin. Stibbe in turn provided heroin to a group of heroin users in Ozaukee County. Between December of 2002 and November of 2005, four of those who received heroin through Stibbe died of overdoses. The victims were Lynn Smaxwill, Matthew Kobiske, James Helm and Angela Raettig.

Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge David Spakowicz of the Milwaukee HIDTA Heroin Task Force noted that heroin poses a serious and increasing risk to the user due to fluctuations in purity levels between doses and among distributors. The number of heroin overdoses not resulting in death has increased dramatically in the past several years. Data for Milwaukee County EMS runs shows that the number of runs for patients needing assistance due to using heroin rose 50% between 2004 and 2005.

If convicted of the charges in the criminal complaint, the defendants face mandatory minimum penalties of 20 years to life in prison and a fine of up to \$4 million dollars. Timothy Milton, Torrence Milton, Terrell Milton, Theartis Milton, Marc Mosley, Demario Mosley, Roy Monette and Eric Murphy each face a mandatory minimum term of life in prison without parole because each has a prior drug

trafficking conviction.

The case was investigated by agents and officers from the Milwaukee HIDTA Heroin Task Force, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department, the Cedarburg Police Department, the Grafton Police Department and the Milwaukee Police Department. The federal case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Sanders. The federal prosecution is being closely coordinated with prosecutions in Ozaukee County Circuit Court handled by Ozaukee County District Attorney Sandy Williams.

The public is cautioned that a criminal complaint is a method for issuing federal criminal charges and does not constitute evidence of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent unless and until guilt is established by competent evidence beyond a reasonable doubt.

A copy of the criminal complaint is available at the US Attorneys Office in the Federal Courthouse, 517 East Wisconsin Avenue, Room 530, Milwaukee.

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